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MENTAL POLICY OF JAPAN: ANALYSIS MEETING IN JAPAN,
NOVEMBER 16-20, 1976

1. THE FOLLOWING LETTER HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL WITH RESPECT TO PREPARATIONS FOR
THE REVIEW OF JAPAN'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY: "I SHOULD
LIKE TO RECALL THAT AT ITS 15TH SESSION, THE ENVIRON-
MENT COMMITTEE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE HOLDING OF A
REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY OF JAPAN AND THAT LATER,
AT ITS 16TH SESSION, THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGREED
WITH THE PROCEDURE PROPOSED FOR THIS REVIEW AS SET OUT
IN DOCUMENT ENV(75)32. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PRO-
CEDURE, THERE WILL BE AN ANALYSIS MEETING IN JAPAN
SCHEDULED FOR 16-20 NOVEMBER, 1976, TO PREPARE FOR THE
REVIEW TO BE HELD WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ENVIRON-
MENT COMMITTEE IN 1977.

THE FOLLOWING PAPERS, PREPARED FOR THE ANALYSIS MEETING,
WERE CONSIDERED BY THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AT ITS
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18TH SESSION IN JULY: (A) SUMMARY OF THE BACKGROUND

REPORT BY JAPAN (ENV(76)30); (B) SUMMARY OF THE ANALYTICAL REPORT BY THE SECRETARIAT (ENV(76)31); (C) SELECTION OF QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED AT THE ANALYSIS MEETING (ENV(76)32); (D) PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANALYSIS MEETING (ENV(76)33).

THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE ANALYSIS MEETING IN TOKYO IS TO GAIN FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON THE JAPANESE EXPERIENCE; THE WAY JAPAN HAS DEVELOPED ITS NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY; THE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS IT HAD TO FACE; THE PARTICULAR SOLUTIONS JAPAN DEvised AND APPLIED TO OVERCOME ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES INCLUDING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES.

THE ANALYSIS MEETING, AFTER A FIRST PLENARY SESSION, WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR SMALLER GROUPS EACH DEVOTING ITS ATTENTION TO A SPECIFIC ASPECT OF JAPANESE POLICY. THESE DISCUSSIONS, CERTAIN OF WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE "IN THE FIELD", WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PLENARY SESSION AT WHICH THE MAIN CONCLUSIONS TO BE DRAWN FROM THE ANALYSIS MEETING WILL BE IDENTIFIED. A REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL SERVE AS A BASIS FOR THE EXAMINATION TO BE HELD IN 1977.

THE ANALYSIS MEETING IN JAPAN ADDRESSES ITSELF TO HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE IN THEIR COUNTRIES FOR THE FORMULATION OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION. THE PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE CONVERSANT WITH THE TYPE OF ISSUES RAISED IN THE PREPARATORY DOCUMENTS FOR THE ANALYSIS MEETING AND HAVE EXPERIENCE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES IN SOLVING SIMILAR PROBLEMS. THUS IT IS HOPED THAT, FOR THE GREATEST BENEFIT OF ALL, PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO PRESENT COMPARISONS WITH SITUATIONS IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES."

2. NOMINATIONS ARE REQUESTED BY NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 1976.

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